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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY,
11/22/63
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For the information of Bureau and Dallas, the following note was received by G-2, Fort Chaffee, Ark., 12/5/63:

"To G-2 I have been a member of the CIC I would like very much to talk to an agent of the FBI about the death of president Kennedy and the Safety of LBJ Believe me I know something I wrote pres. Kennedy and told him but I never got an answer".

"MCG Zinist"

Route 2 Box 57
Greenwood
Ark.
WILFRED CONSTANTINE GERNANDT
OCB 6/17/78

Above note was forwarded to G-2 by the U. S. Army Hospital, Fort Chaffee, Ark.

On 12/6/63, Dr. [redacted] Mental Hygiene Service, USAH, Fort Chaffee, Ark., advised SA CHARLIE E. GUNTER, JR., and JEWELL R. PHEGLEY, CIC, that W. C. GERNANDT, a retired Master Sgt. of the Army, is currently in the USAH. GERNANDT has told Dr. [redacted] that he has a long history of mental illness and has been hospitalized both as a civilian and a military person. Dr. [redacted] advised that the man is a schizophrenic, without being psychotic most of the time, however, it is [redacted] opinion that the man is at the present time psychotic. He is sending GERNANDT to the Fort Root's Veterans Hospital, North Little Rock, Arkansas, on 12/6/63, for medical treatment. Dr. [redacted] stated that GERNANDT claimed to have hunches and revelations frequently, and his information concerning President KENNEDY

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came from one of these "Revelations".

On 12/6/63, WILFRED CONSTANTINE GERNANDT, retired M/Sgt., former ASN RA 6955600, was interviewed at the USAH, Fort Chaffee, Ark. He claimed to be a pathological liar, but stated he would try to tell the truth during this interview.

GERNANDT wrote a letter to President KENNEDY prior to his assassination. In this letter he asked President KENNEDY if he had considered join the Jewish religion. He did this because he had a "revelation" that President KENNEDY should change his religion and become a Jew. He believes that had this been done, OSWALD would not have killed the President.

He stated he knows nothing about the assassination of the President. He was in the USAH at the time of the killing. He entered the hospital 11/5/63, with a heart attack. He left against medical advice 11/8/63. He was again hospitalized shortly thereafter and has been in the hospital since that time. He has never met OSWALD, RUBY or any other person connected with the killing.

GERNANDT also stated he had written BOBBY KENNEDY about General WALKER. GERNANDT stated this letter set forth his opinion that WALKER was "crazy" and he would be willing to assist KENNEDY in proving it with testimony, if called.

GERNANDT is described as a W/M, born 6/7/17. Height 6', weight 200 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes. Home address Route 2, Box 59, Greenwood, Ark. Divorced. Nearest relative, mother, ALPHA E. AKIN, same address.

Above information being furnished to the BUREAU and DALLAS in the event GERNANDT writes other letters concerning this matter, or other matters, in order that these offices will be cognizant to his mental condition.

No further action being taken in Little Rock.